

## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the finality of this Action be withdrawn. In the Amendment filed April 16, 2006, applicants amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 3, word for word, and cancelled claim 3. Thus, claim 1 as amended is the same as original claim 3. As such, this amendment does not support the finality of this Action. In that Amendment, applicants added one new claim, claim 20. Presumably, the Examiner has based the finality of this Action on this new claim. However, the Action does not respond to claim 20 at all. The Office Action Summary does not include claim 20, and nowhere in the body of the Action does the Examiner refer to claim 20. Accordingly, applicants have been deprived of an opportunity to respond to the Examiner's Action with respect to claim 20. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner give applicants this opportunity in the next, non-final Action.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,342,474 (Mohara) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,631,552 (Yamaguchi). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 as amended states that the control device is configured to set the feed stop position of the electronic components in the storage tape by using a head electronic component of the storage tape. The specification defines the term "head electronic component" by stating that "a head electronic component is an electronic component that comes to the pick-up position first after the mounting apparatus starts to use a new storage tape for the mounting operation." See page 9, lines 11-13, of the specification.

The Examiner admits that Mohara does not disclose this claim limitation. See page 2 of the Action. To overcome the deficiency of Mohara, the Examiner relies on Yamaguchi. However, all the Examiner says about Yamaguchi is "Yamaguchi teaches using the first component to modify the position based on the first component of a new tape." The Examiner has failed to point to any specific portion of Yamaguchi for this teaching.

Absent the Examiner's reference to specific portions of Yamaguchi, applicants have reviewed Yamaguchi in its entirety but failed to find any such teaching in Yamaguchi.

Specifically, the claimed control device sets the feed stop position of the electronic components in the storage tape by using a head electronic component of the storage tape. In other words, the claimed control device sets one stop position for the electronic components in one storage tape using the head electronic component. However, all Yamaguchi teaches is an adjustment of positioning of a mounting head for sucking up the electronic components. See, for example, column 3, lines 44-57, and column 8, lines 1-25, of Yamaguchi. Yamaguchi does not disclose at all any adjustment of a stop position of a storage tape, from which the mounting head sucks up electronic components.

Furthermore, Yamaguchi does not disclose that “a first component of a tape” is used for a position adjustment for the rest of the electronic components in the same tape, as would be required to satisfy the claim limitation. All Yamaguchi teaches is a sequential adjustment where a suctioning posture of one electronic component is used for adjusting the suctioning position of a next electronic component in the storage tape. Thus, each time Yamaguchi’s mounting head sucks up an electronic component, its position is adjusted by the result of the previous sucking. See column 3, lines 44-57, of Yamaguchi.

Mohara and Yamaguchi together do not teach or suggest the claimed control device configured to set the feed stop position of the electronic components in the storage tape by using a head electronic component of the storage tape.

Claim 4 states that the control device changes the feed stop position to the center of the opening when the electronic component is larger than the predetermined size. The Examiner states that Mohara’s FIG. 13 discloses this claim limitation without any explanation. See page 3 of the Action. The structure shown in Mohara’s FIG. 13 accommodates storage tapes of different pitches, as explained at column 9, line 55 - column 10, lines 33, of Mohara. Neither this portion of Mohara, nor any other portion of Mohara, discloses the subject matter of claim 4.

The rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-7 under 35 USC 103(a) over Mohara and Yamaguchi should be withdrawn because Mohara and Yamaguchi together do not teach or suggest the claimed invention as a whole.

In light of the above, a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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